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A Message from BCPVPA President David DeRosa

Welcome Back!

As we return to our schools fresh from the break, Spring is in the air and the natural rhythm of the season offers sensory reminders that we are well beyond the half way point in another school year.

I hope the break was just that: an opportunity for Principals and Vice-Principals and their school communities to refresh and rejuvenate. Although time is a constant – with a nod to both Einstein and Christopher Nolan – I was reminded by colleagues this week that Springtime in schools may not actually be a constant after all! *“Wasn't the break 3 weeks ago?!” “Did March even happen?!” “I need more time!!”*

A good reminder that planning and preparations for the next school year are well underway across our system, and that time – whether it is a constant or a variable – is a precious commodity.

As you prioritize your time in your schools, I encourage you to consider two specifics: your communication plan and your wellbeing. In the whirlwind of the busy days and weeks ahead, advance notifications and reminders are so appreciated by our school communities. Timely and effective communication is proven to reduce

stress and anxiety in staff, students and parents. **Knowing is the first step in preparing.**

And, while we're engaged in planning, let's make sure we don't forget ourselves. As we plan our timelines, building in our own needs helps to 'guard' that important time we need to sustain ourselves.

Take Care,
David

David's Highlights

- *March 20 - Compassionate Systems Leadership in BC – Zoom Meeting*
- *March 28 – BC Offshore Leaders Presentation, Bangkok – Zoom Meeting*
- *April 2 – Zoom Overview with Zoom rep*
- *April 3 – DASH BC – Wellbeing Proposal - Meeting*
- *April 3 - Franklin | Covey Building Leadership Capacity – Teleconference*
- *April 3 - BC Education Conference [OECD] – Meeting*
- *April 4 – Leadership Standards – Meeting*
- *April 4 - Graduation Assessment (Literacy 12) Working Group – Meeting*
- *April 4 - Mental Health in Schools – Zoom Meeting*
- *April 5 - SD35 Langley Chapter Visit*

On the Horizon

- *April 7 – BCPVPA PD Advisory Committee Meeting*
- *April 8 – BCPVPA PD Representatives Meeting*
- *April 9 - McConnell-WellAhead | InterProvincial Pods*
- *April 11 – BCPVPA Budget Committee Meeting*
- *April 12 – BCPVPA Board of Directors Meeting*

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This Week's Highlight

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Nominations Open Until
Tuesday April 30

1 - President-Elect
5 - Directors

bcpvpa.bc.ca/elections

Nominations for President-Elect and 5 Directors Are Now Open

BCPVPA members will elect a President-Elect and five Directors in June 2019 elections, with the successful candidates taking their roles July 1. The newly-elected members will join existing members of the Board who are completing their terms in June 2020.

Nomination forms are now available on the [BCPVPA website](http://bcpvpa.bc.ca) - nominations close **April 30**.

Candidates for the position of President-Elect will speak at Chapter Council on Friday May 3, and candidates for the position of Director will speak at Chapter Council on Saturday May 4. Candidate statements will be issued to BCPVPA members on or before May 9 and will also be available from the website.

Election for President-Elect: voting will be open Tuesday June 4 - Thursday June 6. To be successful, a candidate for President-Elect must receive 50% of the votes cast plus one, and additional rounds of balloting will be held as required the week of

June 10. A candidate who is not successful as President-Elect may choose to stand for election as a Director.

The President-Elect begins a one-year term on July 1, followed by a two-year term as President and a one-year term as Past President (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023).

Election for 5 Directors: voting will be open Tuesday June 18 - Thursday June 20. The open Director positions will be filled by the corresponding number of candidates who receive the highest number of votes on a single ballot.

Directors begin their two-year terms on July 1.

Questions about the election process: sandra@bcpvpa.bc.ca

Questions about the roles and responsibilities of the President-Elect or Directors: kreimer@bcpvpa.bc.ca

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BCPVPA Updates

NEW

BCPVPA Spring 2019 Webinar Series

Early next week, we will forward information to our members about the upcoming webinars, and the information and registration links will then be open at bcpvpa.bc.ca/webinars

Save the date:

The first webinar is Thursday April 11, 7:30 am

Indigenous Transitions:

Improving Transitions for Indigenous Learners through Collaborative Inquiry

Presented by Dr. Catherine McGregor, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs and Research, Faculty of Education, University of Victoria

In this session, Dr. McGregor shares some of the powerful learning of educator teams from across BC who engaged in a deep exploration of how to better support their Indigenous

learners, with a summary of the principles the teams used and the context of the work for school leaders across BC.

Find the registration link in our Webinar message to members early next week.

NEW: Save the Date

Leading the Way: Women in Leadership Luncheon

Saturday September 21 at Capilano Golf and Country Club

Guest speakers: Judge Joanne Challenger, Dianne Turner

Registration opens May 1

Information

NEW: Save the Date

Targeted Feedback Institute

August 20 & 21 at the VSB Office, 1580 West Broadway

Facilitated by University of Washington Center for Educational Leadership

Join us for a two-day institute “*Targeted Feedback for Teacher Growth*”

Your Next Step Forward from Leading A Culture of Learning, Levels 1 and 2

Registration opens soon

Information

LEAP Opportunity

Are you a Vice-Principal of a Middle School in BC?

Are you a Principal involved in On-Line Learning in BC?

Do you have an interest in learning from colleagues across the planet?

If the answer is yes, then consider the possibility of participating in LEAP – a 2-week peer shadowing program with New South Wales either this July/August, or next summer, with their return to BC this Fall. The specific request for 2 partners has been made from NSW for a Middle School VP and a DL Principal.

Many BCPVPA members have participated in this program and 5 more will do so this July. If you are interested in participating in this deep learning opportunity, please see the [LEAP website](#) or email amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca

Nominations Are Now Closed for the BCPVPA Partnership Awards

Thank you for nominating so many valuable supporters who are making a difference in your schools. The Award recipients will be selected by our Committee, and recipients will be honoured in an Awards ceremony at Chapter Council on May 3.

BCPVPA Short Course II Facilitators

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15

We welcome applications from current BCPVPA members to serve as 2019 facilitators for Short Course II – **July 3-6, 2019**. Facilitators assist with the overall organization, and work with a cohort of school leaders to deliver the program. Some advance training will be required. [Find out more and apply here](#)

BCPVPA Student Scholarships: Applications Open

The BCPVPA annually awards up to 20 scholarships, in the amount of \$1000 each, to students who are graduating from the BC public school system and will proceed to a post-secondary institution. Visit bcpvpa.bc.ca/student-scholarships to find out more.

Short Course I: Inspiring Early Career Leaders – July 2 – 6, 2019

UBC

Register is open for this five-day program for new and nearly-new Principals & Vice-Principals, framed by the *Leadership Standards* and providing a foundation for the applicable skills and knowledge through experiential reflection.

Space is limited

[Register](#)

[Info: amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca](mailto:amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca)

Short Course II: Igniting Mid-Career Leaders – July 3-6, 2019

UBC Okanagan

In conjunction with UBCO

This four-day summit for established Principals & Vice-Principals is a professional learning experience designed to inspire collaborative inquiry and innovation and foster transformative learning in schools.

Registration is limited to 50 participants.

[Registration will be opening soon:](#)

please email amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca to reserve your spot in Short Course II: you will be notified as soon as the registration link is posted!

Leading a Culture of Learning: Level 1

Leading a Culture of Learning: Level 1 is an eight-month learning experience supporting leading learning through focused dialogue that is grounded in a clear vision, all to enhance a culture of learning in your school.

2019/2020 cohorts in Metro Vancouver, BCPVPA office:

LCL Level 1 – Day 1: Monday, August 26, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 2: Tuesday, August 27, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 3: Monday, November 4, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 4: Wednesday, February 12, 2020

LCL Level 1 – Day 5: Monday, April 27, 2020

2019/2020 cohorts in Salmon Arm:

LCL Level 1 – Day 1: Friday, October 18, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 2: Saturday, October 19, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 3: Friday, November 15, 2019

LCL Level 1 – Day 4: Friday, February 7, 2020

LCL Level 1 – Day 5: Monday, April 20, 2020

[Register here](#)

[Find out more](#)

Contact amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca

Leading a Culture of Learning: Level 2

Leading a Culture of Learning Level 2 is a five-day program over seven months that offers a practical extension to LCL 1.

2019/2020 cohorts in Metro Vancouver and Comox

[Register here](#)

[Find out more](#)

Contact amorie@bcpvpa.bc.ca

Connecting Leaders 2019 – Save the Date

Cultivating a Climate of Leadership

Thursday October 24 – Saturday October 26, 2019

Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre

Theme - *Cultivating a Climate of Leadership*

Keynote speakers - [Peter DeWitt](#), [Gabrielle Scrimshaw](#) and [Dr. John Chenoweth](#)
[Find out more](#)

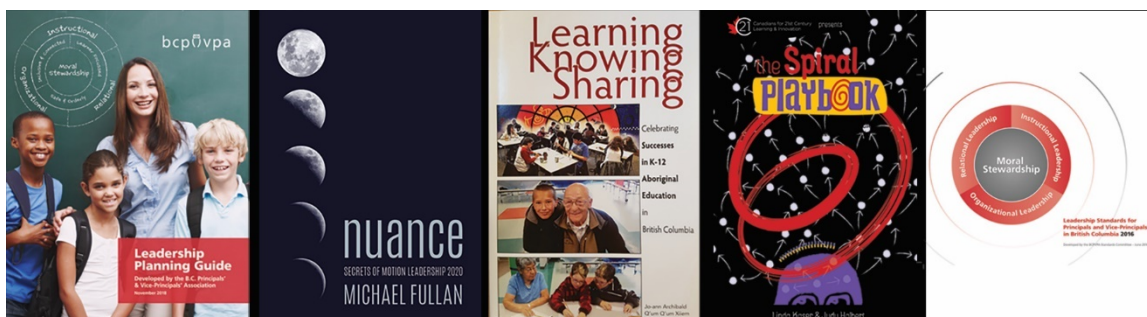
BetterEducate

We currently have more than 1600 BCPVPA members who are active on Better Educate: [find out more about the platform](#) and consider signing up as a BCPVPA member.

[Visit the site](#), click on the BCPVPA members icon and sign up for your free membership with the promo code **Bcpvpa123**.

BCPVPA Publications

Have you visited our updated [publications](#) link?



Find out about the revised **BCPVPA Leadership Planning Guide** (*formerly the Start Smart Planning Guide*) – you can pick up your own spiral-bound copy for **\$50**, and a version is now available for your [online reference](#). You can also find out more about **Nuance by Michael Fullan**, a joint publication with Corwin Press and the Ontario Principals' Council. Pick up Nuance for **\$30**, available from the BCPVPA office and at upcoming BCPVPA events.

Reminder

If you have a new address, school or role, or if you have a question for our team, please use our online [contact forms](#)

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Member & Partner News

DEADLINE EXTENDED!

2nd Annual Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education

NOMINATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 30, 2019

Nominations are open for this opportunity to recognize the contributions of public, independent and First Nations school system teachers, principals, vice-principals, administrators and support staff who go above and beyond to make life better for K-12 students in B.C.

[See the video](#)

[Read the news release](#)

[Visit the nominations page](#)

NEW

BCRPVPA Scholarships

The BC Retired PVPA annually awards up to five \$1000 scholarships to students who are graduating from the BC public school system and who will proceed to an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada. Students can apply to BC Retired PVPA Scholarships even if they have applied for a scholarship with the BCPVPA. Completed applications must be postmarked by September 30.

[Find out more](#)

NEW

BCRPVPA Book Sale

The BC Retired PVPA runs a used-book sale during the Short Course at UBC in July. The money raised supports the BCRPVPA Scholarship Fund. Education and Leadership books that have been published recently (2010 onwards) and are in good condition are welcome. Also in demand are field-related 'classic' books (ones that you believe everyone in a leadership position should read).

Books can be dropped off at the BCPVPA office during June. Please label your donations: BCRPVPA USED BOOK SALE

NEW

BCRPVPA Mentorship Opportunities

The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off – Abe Lemons

Are you or a colleague thinking of retirement soon? Please check the BC Retired Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association [website](#) for benefits offered to retired members, such as affinity, health & travel insurance, prestige coverage, pensions & other topics of interest, and you will also find a mail-in application form on the site. The BCRPVPA looks forward to hearing from you if retirement is in your near future!

[Contact us](#)

NEW

22nd Annual IOP Conference: Being in the World as an Educator

Saturday May 4 at UBC

Practicing teachers, education professionals and students come together to share their questions, investigations and understandings about their practice.

[Register](#)

NEW

Legacy Schools: Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund

The DWF Legacy Schools program is an opportunity for classrooms/schools to lead the movement in awareness of the history and impact of the Residential School System on Indigenous Peoples. Educators can use a Legacy Schools Toolkit and educational support resources to engage students, staff and the school community, and as the catalyst for their commitment to the work of reconciliation.

[Find out more](#)

NEW

UBC Faculty of Education: Summer Institutes

Every summer, the UBC Faculty of Education offers a variety of short, intensive courses in a variety of topic areas.

These summer institutes are developed based on the needs addressed by both program alumni and school advisors, changes in the education landscape, and the expertise of our faculty members.

[Find out more](#)

NEW

Provincial Intermediate and Middle Years Teachers' Association

MyPITA Whistler Mini-Conference

In partnership with the Aboriginal Education Association

May 10, Hilton Whistler Resort

[Find out more](#)

New Scholarships for Future Game Designers & Programmers

Victor Lucas is a producer and writer, known mainly for the show Electric Playground. Victor Lucas is awarding 2 full-tuition Vancouver Film School scholarships: one to an applicant for VFS' Game Design Program and one to an applicant for VFS' Programming for Games, Web and Mobile Program.

Applications close April 14, 2019. [Find out more](#) and share with your networks.

Learning Forward BC Spring Network Dinner

Tuesday April 9, 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Learning Forward BC invites cross-role educational teams to engage in an evening sharing our district's work on mental health.

Alumni Hall @ Chilliwack Secondary School

[Information & Registration](#)

ACE 2019

Adult Centred Education Conference

May 16 & 17, Coquitlam BC

A conference intended for anyone who considers themselves an Adult Educator, who teaches, instructs, professes, educates or otherwise engages adult learners.

Keynote: Linden MacIntyre

aceconference.net

Trauma Informed Process & Practice

With Dr. Linda O'Neill

Associate Professor

MEd. Regional Coordinator, UNBC.

Counsellor & Certified Trauma Specialist

Tuesday April 16, 5:30 – 8 pm

An evening to discuss supporting children, youth and families in compassionate learning communities.

Trauma informed practice is a systems approach designed to better support the increasingly complex students we serve. Children and their families who have experienced adverse events in their lives such as divorce, abuse, neglect, and exposures to violence require unique approaches and interventions.

This is your opportunity to engage in the topic of advancing compassionate learning communities.

Arbutus Club, 2001 Nanton Avenue

PDK UBC

[Tickets](#)

2019 Day of Mourning: BC Schools Project



The Day of Mourning school materials are [now available](#): find out more and register your school. The Day of Mourning (DOM) for workers killed or injured on the job, began in Canada and is now observed around the world every year on April 28. As April 28, 2019 falls on a Sunday, BC schools will be honouring the National Day of Mourning on Friday, April 26, 2019.

Canadian Association of Principals National Conference 2019

April 30 – May 3, 2019

Whitehorse, Yukon

We welcome you to the CAP 2019 Conference, Authentic Education in an Authentic Location

[Visit the site](#) for more information on the conference, speakers and breakout sessions.

LEAP (Leading Educators Around the Planet)

International Peer Shadowing Leadership Program for Educational Leaders

Apply to participate in the 2019 LEAP program:

Canadian participants billet with Australian colleagues July 21 - 31, 2019 *and*

Canadian participants host Australian colleagues in your home and school from September 29 - October 9, 2019

Download the [application form](#) and visit aleap4principals.com.au

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Careers

NEW

SD 44, North Vancouver

Vice-Principal

Closing date is April 24, 2019

bit.ly/2WKNshS

NEW

SD 45, West Vancouver

Vice-Principal

Closing date is April 10, 2019

bit.ly/2CNpZEY

NEW

SD 75, Mission

Principal

Ongoing

bit.ly/2FEPuJi

NEW

SD 75, Mission

Vice-Principal

Closing date is April 26, 2019

bit.ly/2UuviDn

NEW

SD 69, Qualicum

Vice-Principalships Pool

Closing date is April 23, 2019

bit.ly/2uO7TOI

NEW

SD 5, Southeast Kootenay

Principal

Closing date is April 26, 2019

bit.ly/2IhDGQp

SD 93, Conseil scolaire francophone

Superintendent

Closing date is April 28 2019

bit.ly/2J7nJht

Okanagan Indian Band Cultural Immersion School

Principal and Education Lead

Position will remain open until filled

bit.ly/2z3kYWj

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The Deputy Minister's Bulletin

[SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS](#)

Below are the links to the reports the Ministry requires from school districts in the next few weeks. These and all other required reports can found on the [School](#)

[District Reporting site](#). Please note that a BCeID is needed, and must be authorized by the Ministry, in order to access the reporting site – see this [attachment](#) for instructions.

Mar. 30 - [Capital - Water Quality Testing Report](#)

Mar. 31 - [School Calendars](#)

Mar. 31 - [Submission of Historical Marks Updates](#)

Apr. 10 - [School District Quarterly GRE Financial Report](#)

Apr. 12 - [Classroom Enhancement Fund \(CEF\) - Underspend Reporting](#)

Apr. 30 - [TRAX Data Submission \(DEM, CRS, XAM files\)](#)

Apr. 30 - [TRAX Historical Course and Mark Data](#)

FOR ACTION ITEMS

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS – May 2019 All Superintendents Meeting:

The next [All Superintendents Meeting](#) is taking place on May 9, 2019 at the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond. A block of rooms is being held until April 12. The agenda and any accompanying materials will be included in a future DM Bulletin. Please contact [Michele Irvine](#) to register.

FOR ACTION, SUPERINTENDENTS – B.C. Education Conference (May 22-24):

The B.C. Education Conference will bring together close to 400 delegates from nearly 40 countries to discuss innovation in education, curriculum and skills that students and teachers need to succeed now and in the years leading up to 2030. More details about the conference can be found in the [B.C. Education Conference backgrounder](#).

FOR ACTION, SECRETARY-TREASURERS – Due April 10, 2019 – Government Reporting Entity (GRE) Report: The [GRE Report](#) provides the information to be included in the Province's Public Accounts each quarter. The templates and instructions for the March 31 GRE Report were emailed to districts on March 28, 2019. Please submit the completed report by April 10 to educ.gresdreporting@gov.bc.ca.

FOR INFORMATION ITEMS

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS & PRINCIPALS – Dedicated Browser for Provincial Graduation Assessment and Exam Access: A [dedicated AWIS Secure Browser](#) has been created to give schools direct access to the Ministry's Provincial Graduation Assessments and Exams site during the assessment/exam sessions.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS & SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS – January 2019 Graduation Numeracy Assessment Results: The [January 2019 Graduation Numeracy Assessment results](#) are now available.

FOR INFO, SUPERINTENDENTS & INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION MANAGERS – International Student Ambassador Scholarships: Nominations for the [Ministry of Education International Student Ambassador Scholarships](#) are being accepted until April 30, 2019. Awards valued at \$1,250 each are available for K-12 entry and for post-secondary entry.

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